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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

April 18, 2012

More email poaching

During both of the last two political election cycles, candidates have requested not only our email list, but the lists of all of the other council offices as well. Those are public records requests and the City Attorney says we have to give them to the Clerk for distribution. Now we have this request:

We are not requesting the documents for a commercial purpose. Our purpose is to spread the word about Greater Tucson Leadership's "I am TUCSON" campaign, which is a movement, focusing on the positive attributes of our community. Our goal is to celebrate, unify and engage those who call Tucson home. We will be selling items in connection with this campaign, but Greater Tucson Leadership is a non-profit entity affiliated with the Metropolitan Tucson Chamber of Commerce.

I support, and have written about the, I am Tucson campaign. And yet, it would be my very strong preference if those who are sponsoring events such as this, including the Chamber of Commerce would put together their own lists of recipients and not assume that everybody wants to receive their email solicitations.

I apologize for this - but they have to include a link to unsubscribe on each email they send to you.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

I'd like to thank the members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee for joining my orthopedic surgeon and recognizing the impact my lifestyle is having on my knees in honoring me with their 'Commuter of the Year' Award for 2012. Running, biking and walking all over town is a lifestyle choice and it's very kind of the group to take notice.

I was not alone in being recognized. Others who received recognition include:

Chuck Hill, Bicycle Advocate of Year
Tucson High, Bicycle Friendly Workplace of Year
Jim deGrood, Staff Appreciation Award
Steve Vihel, Memorial

My '87 Cannondale has over 120K miles on it. My '87 Tercel has just passed the 20K mile mark. I hope to see many of you out on the roads, out of your cars, even if it's simply to get some mild exercise to relieve some of the day's stresses. You'll feel better for it.

And while I'm at it, let me give a plug to BICAS (Bicycle Inter-Community Art &



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line
791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources
791-4605

Park Wise
791-5071

Water Issues
791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control
243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas
889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks
889-1888

West Nile Virus
Hotline
243-7999

Environment
Service
791-3171

Graffiti Removal
792-2489
AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

Salvage.) They're a non-profit (501C3, so you can support them and get a tax break) that has been keeping salvaged bikes out of our land fills since 1989. They're located at 44 W. 6th St. They'll teach you to do everything with a bike from fixing one, to building one and even to making art out of salvaged parts. Going through them is a community conscious way of recycling your old bike or bike parts. Check them out at bicas@bicas.org - you can even work off some of your community service through their operation. They are heavily involved with the work of the BAC.

Pima Community College

I often write about the benefits to the community that the UA brings. Finding examples of that is low hanging fruit. And yet, the region is also blessed to have Pima Community College, actually in multiple locations throughout the valley, serving our residents. That resource also deserves recognition.

During the '09-'10 year, PCC served over 55,000 students. The UA enrolls just under 40,000 students.

The economic benefits of having achieved an Associates Degree are easy to demonstrate;

- A person with an AA degree earns more than 35% more than a student with just a high school diploma
- A PCC student's lifetime income increases by \$5.30 for every dollar invested in his/her PCC education
- The impact on the State income tax base is just over \$116M per year
- And the total effect is an average annual added income to the PCC service area, resulting from the activities of PCC and its former students of over \$984M.

Not everybody can afford the tuition now being charged at the UA. And yet that should not prevent our residents from enjoying the benefits of achieving a post-high school degree. Pima Community College is to be applauded for making an affordable educational option available to many in our region who might otherwise have been unable to continue their schooling.

Thanks to the staff and instructors at PCC for the work that they do.

Teacher Day at the UA

Keeping with the education theme, on Saturday, April 28th, the UA Mall will play host to "Teacher Day at UA." From 10am until 4pm there will be expo's, exhibits and displays that showcase numerous UA programs that are available for classrooms, as well as expanded professional development opportunities for teachers.

The event changes to a party at 2pm over in Geronimo Square - at the west end of Main Gate. There will be live music and a Champagne toast that the Mayor will bring. Stop by and honor our educators on the 28th.

UA / Legislation

Transition from Education to Legislation - Representative Vic Williams seems to understand the importance of the UA as a major research institution. He has sponsored a bill that effectively protects the intellectual property of businesses that pay significant millions



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Gabrielle Giffords
(D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

of dollars to the UA for research. The bill would exempt them from premature disclosure and effectively clears the way for firms to conduct multi-million dollar clinical trials at The University of Arizona without the threat that the results would not be protected until patents are in place, or results are legitimately published by the scientists involved.

Leslie Tolbert currently oversees Research throughout the UA. She is fully on board with the legislation. So are representatives of major pharmaceutical firms and other high-tech firms that already reside in the region. Where the mantra is jobs, and the UA is a valuable conduit for drawing in research money that will catalyze jobs through successful research, this bill is one of the shining stars of the legislative session.

By the way - other States already have similar legislation, so this merely evens the playing field and gets us in the game.

Domestic Abuse / Legislation

At our last Council meeting, the M&C voted 7-0 to support the letter that was signed by nearly every one of the State Attorney's General related to Backpage.com and the use of that site for trafficking our youth. In a similar vein, we now face the loss of nearly \$50M in our State budget that should be going to families who are struggling in abusive situations.

The Legislature has submitted a budget proposal to the Governor. She also has one of her own. The fundamental difference is that the Legislature's version eliminates \$48M in money that would continue to fund life-saving domestic abuse programs throughout the State. Governor Brewer's version preserves those dollars.

In order to continue supporting victims of domestic abuse, they must allocate funds for the TANF backfill (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.) In a very general way, that simply means the State continues funding those programs that are being targeted for funding cuts by the Federal government. Loss of the funding could mean up to 50% reductions in State support of domestic abuse programs.

Two budget proposals - two very different sets of priorities. Your voice matters, but they're in a hurry to get out of Phoenix, so if you have a position you'd like to share, send your email or make your phone call today.

And on yet another related note, National Crime Victims Week will be observed from April 22 - April 28. The theme this year will be on "Extending the Vision/Reaching every Victim." It's a victim's rights focus, and ties in with the budget and Backpage.com issues I related above.

On Saturday, April 28th the week will top off with a Homicide Victim Vigil from 6pm - 8pm outside of the Children's Museum @ 4851 N. 15th Place. Come and join us for this very somber, and very important statement. Trafficking, Domestic Abuse funding, Victim's Memorial - these are issues in which our community has shown that it comes together as a caring people, and an example of what is right in our State.

Film Bill

Final add on legislation - the film industry incentive bill (HB2127) has finally passed through committee and is now on the Senate floor waiting for a vote. Thank you for your efforts in getting this bill out of committee. Now it needs that one more push to get it to the Governor's desk.

Neighborhood Update

On May 5th Blenman-Elm NA is getting an Historic Preservation Award for the map they put together that shows all of the historic homes in BE. The award will be given out at the Wilmot Library @ 1:30 on the 5th.

My own neighborhood (Catalina Vista) hosted a meet/greet for me on Friday the 13th. No superstition here - we had a very good and lively discussion that centered largely on roads/RTA and how to generate support for some of the ideas that are now out in public related to project scopes and fixing our roads. Thanks to Alison Hughes for opening up her beautiful home for the party. And apologies to her puppy who was exiled during our meeting.

Highland Vista Neighborhood is applying for grant funding to continue some of the great work they've begun in their 20/30 Highland Vista Park. The work already includes a walking trail, community gardens, water features and with the grant they'll be able to facilitate increased access to the space from the south, over a ravine. I was happy to write a letter of support, and look forward to the involvement of Target Corporation - one of the local retailers that has shown an interest in being a part of the neighborhoods in which their stores are located.

UA Softball - Coach Candrea

Last week, head coach Mike Candrea earned his 1,300th career victory in coaching softball for the UA. He became the sport's fastest coach to the milestone, and the second ever.

Mike has a career record of 1,300-287-2 (.819). He joins Fresno State's Margie Wright (1,421 wins entering 2012) as the only coaches to win 1,300 games. In a purely 'homer' mind set, I point out that her wins have come in 32 seasons, while Candrea is coaching his 27th season at Arizona.

Coach has won eight national championships (1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2006, 2007), and has made 22 trips to the Women's College World Series in the last 24 years. In post season play, his record is 148-43.

We'll know in a few weeks whether the UA will host another Regional.

Road Reconstruction - Broadway Citizen's Task Force

Last Friday I sent out a Release that is intended to advance the generation of ideas related to road repair around town. Here's the Release:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/4-13-12_media.w6_fixingst.pdf

In the first week of May, the RTA/TDOT will convene the first meeting of the Citizen's Task Force related to the Broadway expansion project. I've written that the County Administrator agrees we need to take a deep breath and ensure we're spending your dollars on projects that are needed, and in ways that make fiscal sense. That Task Force will be empowered to make sure that's done.

And yet, on a parallel path, there is a formidable group of private property owners, business operators and concerned citizens who have come together to also address the scope of the Broadway project. I include that item in with a discussion of road reconstruction because they're joined at the hip; i.e. Broadway will go under some form of construction, and to the extent that we can save money vs. what has been scoped, we can reallocate those savings to other needy areas in the City.

I have had several meetings with the Broadway group, and we are putting together a process by which the conversation will remain on the RTA/TDOT radar screen. There are similar groups forming around the valley, out on the east side, up by 22nd Street - each with similar concerns. From a timing standpoint, the Broadway process may well form the template for how we engage this community conversation about scope, dollars, roads and priorities. If you'd like to participate, contact us at the ward office and we'll get you plugged in.

In the mean time, I'm looking forward to the report back from the City Manager and Staff relative to a list of ideas we can consider for immediate, short and long term strategies for fixing, and putting in place a maintenance of effort plan for our infrastructure. He has promised that list as a part of our April 24th budget discussion.

Water Rates

There's a process we go through, by Charter, for changing fees we charge. Voting to set a public hearing to allow for your input is one step in that process. On Tuesday, we voted to set that date for May 22nd in order to discuss proposals for doing a couple of things:

1. Changing the water rates
2. Changing the way those rates are charged by shifting where new rates kick in based on how much water is used.

Right now, everybody pays \$1.60 p/Ccf (Hundred Cubic feet) of potable water we use up to 15 Ccf per month. Over 80% of single family customers fall under that benchmark. In fact, the average user is closer to 10 Ccf per month.

The Citizens Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) has studied our revenue needs, use patterns, and has responded to M&C's request to come up with a new tiering system that better reflects who's using how much water than the existing one does. In order to encourage conservation, and to reward those who use the least amount of this precious resource, we asked that there be rates and tiers that come before the 15 Ccf use level is reached. CWAC has offered us two alternatives. It is those that you will be speaking to on May 22nd.

The two alternatives are to set the residential rates based on the following:

Proposal A

- a) Use 1-7 Ccf is the first rate tier
- b) Use 7-15 Ccf is the second rate tier

Or,

Proposal B

- a) Use 1-10 Ccf is the first rate tier
- b) Use 10-15 Ccf is the second rate tier

Under both proposals, larger water users will see more significant bill effects. Proposal A gives a larger incentive to reduce consumption by setting the lowest rate where it does. In both of the alternatives, users of 10 Ccf or less will see a small reduction in their monthly water bills (about 34 cents p/month p/Ccf used.) The difference is that in Proposal B, the incentive to conserve is set at a higher level of use than it is in the first proposed tier structure. At your home, that might mean something along the lines of people being encouraged to use less water intensive outdoor landscaping if we adopt the Proposal A.

Here is a comparison chart for how the impact will be felt:

Summary of Percent of Single Family Residential Customers by Proposed Rate Blocks & Rates

Current Blocks & Rates			CWAC Recommendation			Alternative A		
Block	Percent	Rate	Block	Percent	Rate	Block	Percent	Rate
0 - 15	82.9	\$1.65	0 - 7	48.3	\$1.62	0 - 10	65.8	\$1.62
16 - 30	13.9	\$6.10	8 - 15	35.6	\$2.26	11 - 15	17.1	\$2.81
31 - 45	2.6	\$8.72	16 - 30	13.9	\$6.71	16 - 30	13.9	\$6.81
45 +	0.6	\$11.90	31 +	3.2	\$10.76	31 +	3.2	\$10.81

There are other elements to the proposed rate changes that relate to the monthly service charge, CAP costs, and reclaimed water costs. But for the majority of us, the one that will most immediately impact our life style decisions is the potable water rates.

The public hearing on the 22nd will begin shortly after 5:30 in M&C Chambers.

CBD

One of the principles of land use policy is how do we increase the taxable value of our land. It's a complex issue because how you change policy with respect to one parcel will necessarily impact the value of adjacent parcels - and that can be in either a positive or a negative direction, depending on the policy you adopt. And the adoption of those policies involves public process. It feels as though both Council and Staff are learning as we go with respect to establishing the Central Business District (CBD.)

To refresh your memory - creating the CBD will allow us to put in place a tax abatement plan for developments that show on paper the ability to generate large scale returns on the investment.

On Tuesday, we held our 5th meeting on this topic. When we first began the idea was to simply put in place the boundaries of the CBD and see if there were projects that would take advantage of it. Then, we got into the process of expanding the map. Legitimate concerns were raised with respect to potential mischief that could result in condemnation, so we tweaked the map. There has always been the underlying potential for litigation if we did this incorrectly. That's the reason we have acted deliberately in putting the map and protections relative to preservation into the proposed District.

With all of that as the backdrop, we met on Tuesday to again see if the CBD was something we wanted to move ahead with. In the materials we received prior to the meeting, another new twist was shared with us. That is the requirement that we put in place what is called a "Redevelopment Plan" before implementing the CBD. That plan will have to be developed with the input from each owner of property within the boundaries of the CBD, all registered neighborhood associations within ¼ mile of the boundaries, and other interested stakeholders.

The Plan is described as follows:

"... a redevelopment plan shall be sufficiently complete to indicate its relationship to definite local objectives as to appropriate land uses, improved traffic, public transportation, public utilities, recreational and community facilities and other public improvements and the proposed land uses and building requirements in the redevelopment project area."

My concern was that staff would not have the personnel and time to put the Plan into place. I was assured that they had anticipated this part of the CBD and that they are ready to tackle the project. It is anticipated to take from 6-12 months to be completed. That timing is ok because the tax incentives captured under the CBD cannot be used for one year after the adoption of the CBD anyway.

Staff deserves credit for sticking with us as we worked this proposal into shape. Also, the neighbors who came forward and shared their concerns deserve to be recognized. This is an example of many voices combining with the net result being something better than that with which we began.

Rio

Last week was the first time since mediation began that Judge Zlaket allowed outside parties into the session. The intent was to make a pitch about building a hotel on the land adjacent to the I-10 parcel that is now a subject of dispute in the litigation Rio filed against the City. It's also the parcel of ground about which we awarded an RFP (Request for Proposal) to a builder and were in negotiations to ink a very open and transparent deal to develop - the process of which was halted when the taxpayers were sued.

I believe it was inappropriate to be talking about a potential deal behind closed doors, relative to a piece of private property that is not implicated in the mediation or deal points included in any of the City/Rio dispute, and that directly implicates the integrity of the negotiations we were engaged in for developing the I-10 parcel. I think many of the people I serve with on Council agree that the presentation at that session doesn't pass the smell test.

The initial scope of our mediation is to find some ways we can take some small steps together. Walk, then run together. For example - we do the bleachers, Rio does the restrooms. And yet, the MOU for bleachers/restrooms that Rio presented to us contained several areas that were simply unacceptable from a taxpayer standpoint. I shared that in last week's newsletter.

Credit to Rick Grinnell for having said that the purpose of mediation was to get some little victories between the City and Rio. Credit for Josh Brodesky for the best line in his Sunday piece - "yes, let's hope the public is considered." Yes, let's.

Broken record alert: these two groups need to be meeting in the open, with specific and agreed upon agendas and working towards the upgrading of the primary component of the District, the TCC. The history of Rio Nuevo looks very much like what happened last week during mediation. Closed door presentations to a limited number of members of each Board/Council, secrecy about how it came about, and unnecessarily leaving a taint on whatever the merits of the proposal might end up being.

I believe the better characterization is to call it a public meeting, and the public should have been invited.

If it's a good deal, it can stand the public scrutiny. If it's not a good deal, the sunlight will disinfect it. But I'd have thought the City and Rio would have learned from the history of this relationship. Open the doors - avoid even the appearance of impropriety. And respect the deal that has already gone through a public and open selection process until it has been demonstrated that the parties cannot agree on a final set of deal points. At that time, and not before, it is proper to reopen the process and see if there are others who want to enter the stage - with the curtains up and the audience watching.

The District has our reply to their MOU and if they truly want to help re-build the TCC, all they need to do is agree to the terms and we're good to go.

Grant Rd. Overlay

The overlay zoning discussions related to the Grant Road corridor have now finished their first 4 public meetings. Initially, the planners believed they'd have received the right amount of input after those 4 meetings. In fact, the decision has been made to incorporate the general feelings of the property owners and residents into a redraft of the overlay, and when that has been done to reconvene for a second round of public meetings. Those will begin late in the year.

The Grant Road widening was an RTA, voter approved project. That is different from the Overlay proposal. The Overlay is an attempt to include land use planning ideas into the eventual new alignment of the corridor from Oracle out to Swan. The alignment has been established. What the Overlay attempts to do is to define the uses of the land along the newly aligned roadway.

I've attended all, or parts of 3 of the Overlay meetings with the public. I have heard their concerns - primarily related to massing, protecting the neighborhoods from cross-through traffic, design that's compatible with the characteristics of the adjacent neighborhoods, and just very generally the issue of scale. Coming to decisions on those and related issues is the purpose of the public meetings that have begun, and that will continue once initial comments are incorporated into the early thinking about how to develop the corridor.

Right now, there is not final draft of the proposal. I'm being the optimist in this though. I think we can find common ground on what we will tolerate in terms of massing, buffers, traffic mitigation and the rest. We will see how responsive the design team is when they bring back the next iteration of the Plan. For now, the first round of presentations is done, and we now stand by and wait for the updates that are to come. They'll be instructive in many ways.

Mayor's visit to W6 Town Hall

On Monday, the Mayor joined me and some of our City Staff at the Ward 6 office to do a presentation, Q&A on the budget, his 180 day plan, and whatever else was on peoples' minds. Thank you all for filling the house once again. I am convinced that W6 is the most active, and engaged.

I've reported on the budget before. Staff confirmed that we're looking for about \$9M to balance, and that we've got several options to consider. It's also true that revenues are not finalized yet for the fiscal year, so the target # will shift. You know my intent is to protect core services this time around from any further reductions. If that means pushing out some debt and seeing what happens with the economy next year, I may be advocating for that. But, the figures are still tentative, so nothing's decided.

During the campaign, the Mayor had published a set of goals for his first 6 months in office. On Monday we reviewed the progress we're making in achieving that list. Some will need more work than what is possible in such a short time, but many are either already done, or are simply waiting for final language coming back to us from Staff. Some of the highlights include progress towards some annexations, protecting our water service policy, support of police and fire, looking seriously at our I.T. Department and how we can make upgrades, and putting job creation as a primary focus in all that we do. I am encour-

aged by Jonathan's work ethic, attention to detail, and his willingness to tackle issues head on. Just as I did with the Garfield Traub hotel, protecting police and fire from 15% across the board cuts two budgets ago, working to get the 911 center under new management, and now road reconstruction, the Mayor has identified his priority list and is working hard to check the boxes.

We did the Q&A by 3x5 cards so we could get through as many topics as possible. The variety validates my earlier statement about W6 residents and how engaged you are. Land use, F35, protecting core services, fixing the roads, and more. Before I began this work, I knew that we are blessed with a community of involved citizenry. Since I have been doing this work for a while, I am more and more impressed with the level of that involvement.

Thanks to all who participated on Monday. We'll do it again.

Fleet Services

Finally, let me close with this. Last week I shared concerns that have been raised with me related to down time, costs and procedures relative to City owned vehicles and our in-house Fleet Service department. The comments I shared were not 'attacks,' as they have been described by some, but reflected the perception (real or imagined - yet to be seen) of users of the service. For the workers in that department, the intent of my raising the issue in the manner in which I did was to force the discussion.

Two years ago, I asked for a report on the same issues. The report back from staff was that there was no fire, despite the smoke. Last year the same thing happened. When, for 3 consecutive budget cycles the same issues are raised by multiple departments, and from employees up and down the pay grades, it becomes an imperative to find a way to generate a serious conversation that goes beyond staff circling the wagons. That's what I did, and that discussion will occur later this week.

The charges: costs too high, repeat visits are being double charged, wait times too long. None of those are implications that our workers are not competent at what they do. What they point to are management systems that may be in place that need changing. If we were to farm out some low level PM work that gums up the queue, leaving the more significant repair work for our employees to tackle in a less stressed and rushed work environment, that could save time, money and ease the work load of our own front line employees. But management has to honestly assess the situation and adopt the changes. Our conversation later this week will show the extent to which that has already occurred, and the extent to which more progress can be made in that area.

Our front line workers don't set the policies that control their work environment. None of them should feel targeted by my concerns. Just as the 911 Dispatchers came to see that my digging into that operation was an effort to sort through some broken policies and management processes, the same is true here. We made changes at 911, and if you'll check with those front line employees, you'll learn that they find the new work environment much more pleasant. You'll also note that I've advocated on behalf of front line workers in Fire, TPD, Finance, and similarly I.T. and how that department needs a restructuring. You all, who are turning the wrenches, understand that my purpose is to advocate on your behalf. The goal is more efficient management processes that save the taxpayers money, preserve department budgets and give our front line workers a break by not having to stare down a work order list that is unmanageable.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozahik,
Council Member, Ward 6
<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward6>

Solar Power 101
Monday, April 23, 2012
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Miller-Golf Links Branch Library

Garden District Community-Wide Sale

On Saturday, April 21 starting at 7:00am, Garden District Neighborhood Association will be hosting a Community-Wide Sale, which includes both residents and businesses from all over the neighborhood. There will be red balloons to indicate participating residences and businesses. For more information, please visit www.thegardendistrict.org



Respirator Use Learning Effectiveness Study
R.U.L.E.S.



We are looking for volunteers to participate in a research study on training community members to properly use respirators (protective masks).

Learn and help us learn!

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- > Learn how to properly select and use a respirator
- > Help us improve methods of rapidly training people to effectively use respirators
- > Receive a small fee to compensate for their time

To be eligible for this study, you must:

- ✓ Be at least 18 years old
- ✓ Speak and understand English
- ✓ Live in Southern Arizona
- ✓ Not have any serious lung, heart, or psychiatric problems

Contact us at:
Phone: (520)-626-1263
Email: coph-ocmed@email.arizona.edu




Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Wednesday, April 18, 8:00pm. “James”. All ages.

Friday, April 20, 8:00pm. “Andrew Bird”. All ages.

Saturday, April 21, 8:00pm. “Spring Club Crawl w/Chali 2na, Shaun Harris, the Project.” 21+

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, April 19, 7:30pm. “The Fortune Cookie”

Saturday, April 21, 2:00pm. “The Fortune Cookie”

Sunday, April 22, 2:00pm. “Baraka”

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center

Music Hall

Saturday, April 21, 7:30pm and Sunday, April 22, 2:00pm. “Orfeo ed Euridice – AZ Opera Company.”

Leo Rich Theater

Saturday, April 21, 2:00 & 7:30pm. “Swan Lake – Act II & Thumbelina”

Sunday, April 22, 2:00pm. “Swan Lake – Act II & Thumbelina”

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 28 and ending Sunday, June 3:

“Frida Kahlo, Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: Armando Miguélez: *Legislate Crazy*

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday March 3 and runs until March 31

“My Heart Changes”

<http://www.thedrawingstudio.org/>

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area
Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm
On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.
Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays).
300 E. Congress St.
<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/
Sunday, April 22, 11:00am. “**The Naked Kiss.**”

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or visit www.flandrau.org/ for events and information.